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Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

In accordance with MPEP 609 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant brings the attached reference to the Examiner's attention and requests that it be considered and made of record in this application. Also attached is a completed PTO-1449 form. If a first Office Action on the merits was mailed before the filing date of this Information Disclosure Statement, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee set forth in 37 CFR § 1.17(p) to Deposit Account No. 19-2042. A duplicate copy of this Statement is enclosed for that purpose.

German Patent Publication No. DE 19922327 discloses a locking element or cover for covering an access opening on a bicycle shift device. The access opening is aligned with the end of the shifting cable. Attached herewith is an English translation of abstract and claims of this publication to better understand the relevance of this publication.

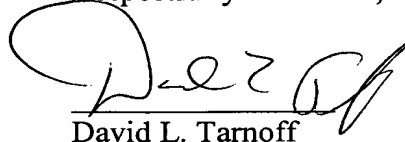
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Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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